

# Poop Patrol answers nature's call

The public works department in San Francisco gets, on average, 65 calls EVERY DAY with complaints about feces on the sidewalk. Public works director Mohammed Nuru and the city's mayor, London Breed, put their heads together and came up with a solution: the Poop Patrol.

In mid-September, five public works employees with a steam cleaner will begin scouring poop "hot spots," such as the Civic Center, Tenderloin and South of Market neighborhoods, during the afternoons to clean up what nature has left behind. Another team also cleans overnight.

Officials told the San Francisco Chronicle the waste comes from dogs and people, and the mayor recently allotted

about \$1 million for new public restrooms. "I just want the city to be clean," Mayor Breed said, "and I want to make sure we're providing the resources so that it can be."

**BRIGHT IDEA**

-- As his trial got underway Aug. 22, Chinese University of Hong Kong associate professor Khaw Kim-sun pleaded not guilty to a breathtaking murder plot. Prosecutors say that in 2015, Khaw filled a yoga ball with carbon monoxide, then left it in the trunk of his wife's car, where it slowly leaked the noxious gas and killed his wife and their 16-year-old daughter.

The BBC reported Khaw was angry because his wife wouldn't divorce him so he could be with a student with whom he

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was having an affair. When colleagues caught Khaw filling the ball, he said he was going to use it to kill rabbits, but in his statement to police, he said the gas was to kill rats in his home. He is charged with two counts of murder.

-- Jeffrey Tomerlin, 45, was charged with assault Aug. 19 after he hurled a soft, fluffy, edible weapon at his ex-girlfriend. When Tomerlin saw his ex in a car with her new boyfriend, he walked up to her window and threw a biscuit at her face. He also charged the car, banging on it and saying he would kill them, reported WKRN, earning additional charges of public intoxication and vandalism. It

was not clear whether the biscuit damaged the ex-girlfriend's face.

**THE METH MADE ME DO IT**

Mason Tackett of Floyd County, Ky., told WYMT that neighbors called him Aug. 26 to say his cousin, Phillip Hagans, was carrying items out of Tackett's house. When Tackett returned home, he said, "It looked like he was packing up for a yard sale when he came out." Hagans was "lying, throwing his hands, saying stuff like, 'I didn't do it. I didn't do it,'" Tackett said. But what he really couldn't understand was Hagans' choice of items to steal: a cheese grater, an empty Lysol bottle

and soap. "Who steals a cheese grater?" Tackett asked. "He stole my soap. Who steals soap? ... Must have been a bad batch (of methamphetamine) around here 'cause Floyd County has gone crazy in the last four days." Hagans was charged with receiving stolen property and being a convicted felon with a firearm.

**EXTREME MEASURES**

A man named Tang from Sichuan Province, China, promised his girlfriend, Yang, that he would buy an expensive luxury car for her. The only problem was that he didn't have the money. So he cooked up a scheme, inviting Yang and her brothers to the Chengdu car dealership on Aug. 16, where he had allegedly put down a

10,000 yuan payment. Tang asked the group to wait there while he went to get the cash, but instead, according to Shanghaiist, he went to a supermarket and bought a fruit knife.

Outside, he found a secluded spot and cut up his own arms, then called Yang and said he had been robbed at knifepoint of the 750,000 yuan he had supposedly withdrawn for the car.

While her brothers took Tang to the hospital, Yang waited for police, who eventually excised the story from Tang. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail and a 500 yuan fine.

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# Students born after attacks learn significance of 9/11

## This year's fair to feature educational opportunities

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Next Tuesday marks the 16th anniversary of 9/11, which is arguably the most defining event of the past half century in the United States after terrorist attacks claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 people in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Penn.

For many, the memory of that day is still fresh, but for most students in school today, they weren't alive so they didn't experience it.

To them, it's just history. To honor the memory of those lost and help students understand what happened on that day, Lt. Joey Clark reached out to Jennifer Lagasse, the assistant director of education programs at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum in New York.

With her help and a joint collaboration with Director of Schools Bobby Cox, lesson plans, webinars and other resources were provided to all Warren County schools.

"It's vital to me that younger generations understand what happened," explained Clark. "The legacy of 9/11 is the American spirit, which overcame evil with the sacrifice of so many who gave of themselves for others. It's critical we honor the memory of those we lost that day and that we carry their legacy forward."

Centertown history

teacher and army veteran Rex Crabtree said he plans on using the material in his seventh- and eighth-grade classes. For him, it's an opportunity to stress every empire has dealt with an attack, discuss tactics of different countries, and explain the effects of 9/11 are still a part of our culture.

"This is not the first time we've been attacked," said Crabtree. "We talk about dynasties in seventh and in eighth grade. We hear about Pearl Harbor, which was a big event for our great-grandparents whereas 9/11 was during our generation. We were attacked and how did we handle that? We fought back."

According to Crabtree, students' prior knowledge regarding 9/11 is becoming less and less each year. Many students may hear a little about the events in fifth grade, but the majority typically associate the terrorist attacks primarily with the Twin Towers and believe only two planes were involved.

"I always like to mention the Pentagon as well and also the fourth plane in Pennsylvania because once they figured out what was going on, they fought back," said Crabtree. "I don't want them to be forgotten because that was a brave thing they did."

Crabtree was referencing the fourth hijacked plane, United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in a field in rural



Lacy Garrison photo  
**Centertown history teacher Rex Crabtree shows an image of smoke pouring from the twin towers of the World Trade Center while students listen as he explains the events of Sept. 11, 2001.**

Pennsylvania, never reaching its intended target because its crew and passengers fought back against members of the Islamic extremist group al-Qaeda.

In a push to raise awareness locally, Lt. Clark, who is also a member of the Warren County Fair Board, is working to finalize plans to broadcast the webinar from inside the 9/11 Memorial Museum at the fair.

Participants will hear

personal stories about the attacks from first-responders and survivors, and have the opportunity to ask questions through a live chat with museum staff.

"The anniversary of 9/11 always coincides with our fair and it's a great educational opportunity," explained Clark. "We'll be posting more details on our Warren County A&L Fair Facebook page."



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